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## Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Nahid Amiri

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### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 08 December 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 11-15 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 11-15 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)   | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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## DETAILED ACTION

### *Drawings*

The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Therefore, the **mezzanine for lower seating** must be shown or the feature(s) canceled from the claim(s). No new matter should be entered.

A proposed drawing correction or corrected drawings are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103*

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 11-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over US Patent No. 6,164,018 Runge et al., in view of US Patent No. 6,407,798 B2 Graves et al.,

In regard to claim 11: Runge discloses the claimed invention Fig. 1, column 2, line 44-67, a plurality of multiplex theater 10 having six theaters 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22 and 14, each floor having a separate exit and entrance 12a and 12g, except having upper and lower seating level and middle level for motion picture projector, having separate mezzanine for upper and lower seating. Graves teaches Fig. 1, column 2, line 38-40, a theater 10 including lower seating level A (see attachment) and upper seating level B (see attachment) and a middle level C (see attachment) for use of a motion picture projection camera, having separate mezzanine and for

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lower and upper seating. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention was made to modify each theater of Runge's invention to have three levels with upper and lower seating and mezzanine and middle level for projection in order to construct two distinct seating levels which separated from projector level.

In regard to claim 12: Runge discloses the claimed invention except having a plurality of theater having at least one regular motion picture theater and at least one for large format motion picture theater. Graves teaches Fig.1, column 2, line 41-44, the theater 10 capable of performing as a regular or large motion picture projection theater by having different type of screens 14 and 16. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention was made to provide each theater of Rung's invention with first or second screen of the Grave's invention in order to show different type of motion picture.

In regard to claim 13: Runge discloses the claimed except having each segregated level having seating for disabled other than front of the theater. Graves teaches Fig. 1, each segregated seating level A and B has seating D (see attachment) and D' (see attachment) for disabled patrons at areas other than only at the very front of the theater 10. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention was made to provide each level with disabled seating area other than front of theater in order to have better viewing position of the screen for disabled person.

In regard to claim 14: Runge discloses the claimed except having multiple sound speaker placed throughout the theater. Graves teaches the claimed invention Fig.1, column 4, line 13-15, a theater 10 having a multiple sound speakers 32a-g placed throughout the theater 10. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention was made to provide the multiple sound speakers throughout the theater in order to supplement the sound system for the wide screen.

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In regard to claim 15: Runge discloses the claimed invention except having a plurality of theater having at least one has a screen for viewing regular motion picture and at least one has screen for viewing large format motion picture. Graves teaches Fig.1, column 2, line 41-44, the theater 10 capable of performing as a regular or large motion picture projection theater by having different type of screens 14 and 16. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention was made to provide each theater of Rung's invention with first or second screen of the Grave's invention in order to show regular or large format type of motion picture.

### *Response to Arguments*

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 11-15 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

### *Conclusion*

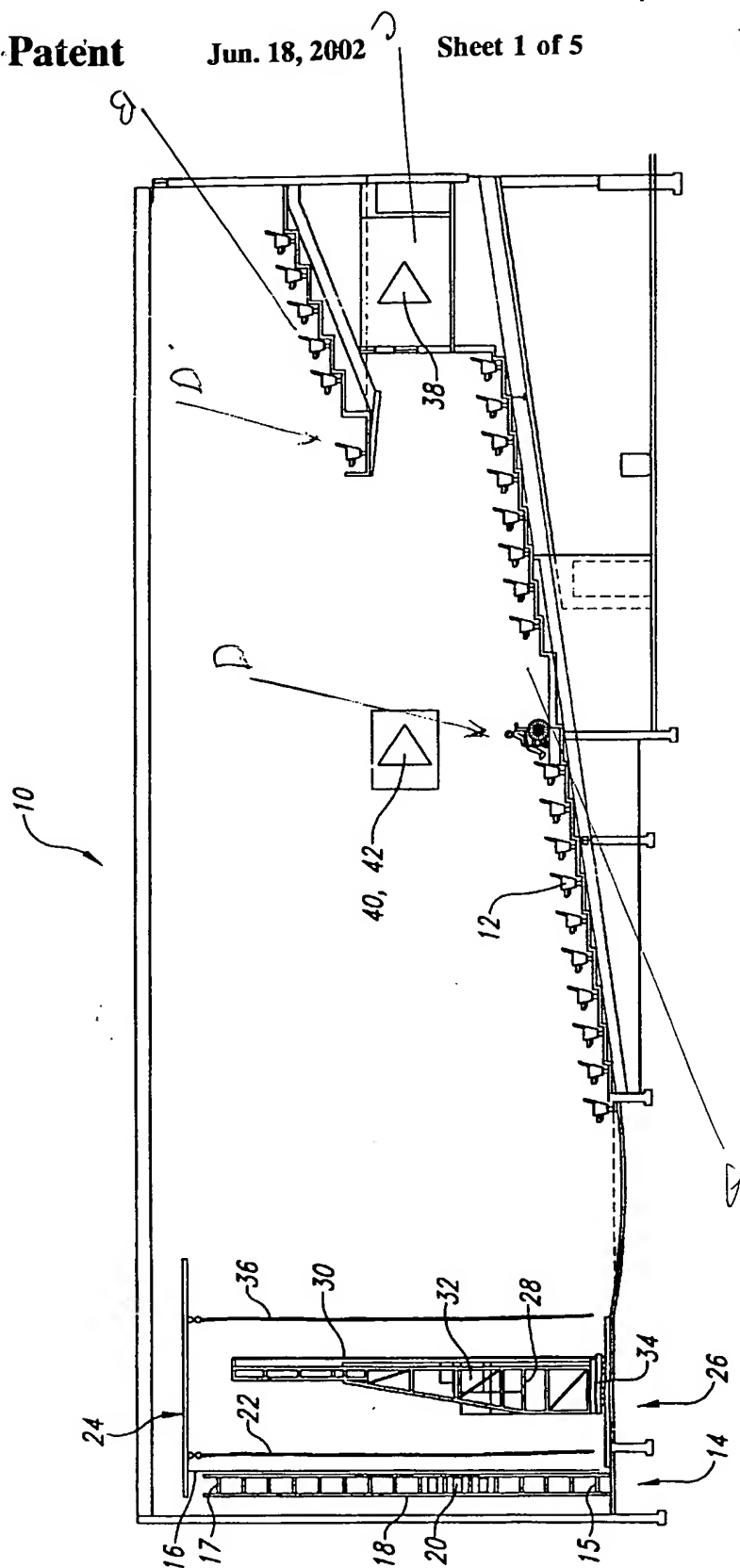
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Nahid Amiri whose telephone number is (703) 305-4241 and Fax number is 703-872-9306. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8:00-5:30 p.m. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor Carl Friedman can be reached at (703) 308-0839.

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**Fig. 1**